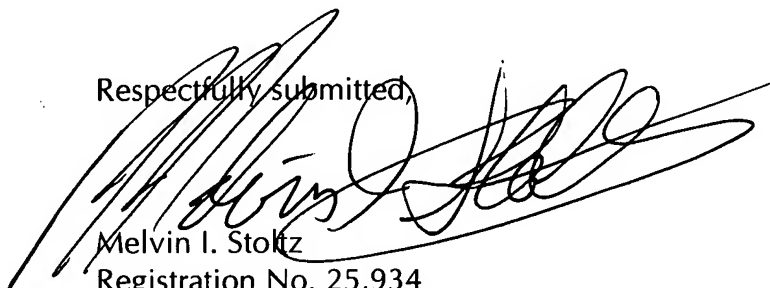


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted in order to place the claims in better condition for examination. An expeditious examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Melvin I. Stoltz, is written over the text "Respectfully submitted," and partially over the name "Melvin I. Stoltz".

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